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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

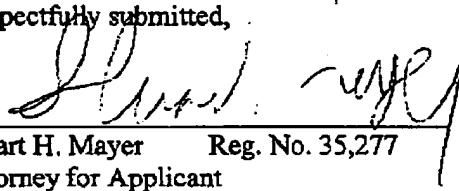
Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner to grant a three (3) month extension of time, up to and including Thursday, June 17, 2004, in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 17, 2003.

Applicant intends to allow abandonment of this application, in favor of a new continuation patent application that is being filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on even date herewith. This Petition is filed in order ensure copendency of the new continuation application and the parent application 09/691,812.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the extension fee in the amount of \$475 to deposit account No. 50-1047. It is further requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office charge any additional amounts due, including any additional extensions of time that may be required, or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account 50-1047.

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